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# H. R. 1547

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2007

Ms. HARMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION.**

4       (a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
5       date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy  
6       shall issue regulations—

1           (1) prohibiting the sale of light bulbs that emit  
2           less than 60 lumens per watt, effective January 1,  
3           2012;

4           (2) prohibiting the sale of light bulbs that emit  
5           less than 90 lumens per watt, effective January 1,  
6           2016; and

7           (3) prohibiting the sale of light bulbs that emit  
8           less than 120 lumens per watt, effective January 1,  
9           2020.

10          (b) EXEMPTIONS.—The regulations issued under  
11 subsection (a) shall include procedures for the Secretary  
12 to provide exemptions to the prohibition. The Secretary  
13 may provide such an exemption only in cases where the  
14 Secretary finds, after a hearing and opportunity for public  
15 comment, that it is not technically feasible to serve a spe-  
16 cialized lighting application, such as a military, medical,  
17 or public safety application, using bulbs that meet the re-  
18 quirements of subsection (a). Exemptions provided under  
19 this subsection shall expire after 2 years. No exemption  
20 may be provided under this subsection for general illu-  
21 mination applications.

22          (c) CIVIL PENALTY.—The Secretary of Energy shall  
23 include in regulations under this section a schedule of ap-  
24 propriate civil penalties for violations of the prohibition

1 under this section. Such penalties shall be in an amount  
2 sufficient to ensure compliance with this Act.

3 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term  
4 “general illumination” means lighting designed to provide  
5 a substantially uniform level of luminance throughout an  
6 area exclusive of any provision for special or local require-  
7 ments.

8 **SEC. 2. PLAN.**

9 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment  
10 of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall transmit to the  
11 Congress a plan for encouraging and providing incentives  
12 for the use of more efficient light bulbs by consumers and  
13 businesses.

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